

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-19 are pending in the present application.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by Takayama et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,477,570, hereinafter "Takayama"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites a computer readable medium storing a computer program for causing a computer in a job transmitting device to execute a process comprising the steps of,

- 1) accepting an input of a processing condition for a job from a user;
- 2) acquiring status information by the job transmitting device, wherein the status information concerning the status of a job processing device that processes said job and is communicatively connected to the computer;
- 3) judging by the job transmitting device whether said job can be processed by the job processing device according to said processing condition or not based on said inputted processing condition and said status information before transmitting said job to the job processing device; and
- 4) providing a user with a notification by the job transmitting device before transmitting said job to the job processing device if it is judged that said job cannot be processed in step 3), wherein
 - in step 4), if it is judged that said job cannot be processed in step 3), accepting at least one of a user's instruction to change the processing condition and a user's instruction to compulsorily execute the job according to the processing condition before transmitting said job to the job processing device; and
 - wherein the input of the processing condition for the job is accepted through a setup screen which is provided by a computer program for transmitting the job to the job processing device, and the user's instruction to change the processing condition in step 4) is also accepted through the setup screen.

According to exemplary embodiments of the present invention, a user is notified if a job cannot be executed by the job processing device under the designated processing condition prior to the transmission of the job. Exemplary embodiments of the present invention allow a user to choose either to instruct the computer to transfer the job nonetheless or to change the processing condition. In addition, the input of the processing condition for the job and the change of the processing condition for the job are both accepted through a setup screen of the job transmitting device. The present invention is not limited to the exemplary embodiments described above.

Takayama does not disclose a computer readable medium storing a computer program for causing a computer in a job transmitting device to execute a process comprising the steps of, accepting an input of a processing condition for a job from a user; and if it is judged that said job cannot be processed, accepting at least one of a user's instruction to change the processing condition and a user's instruction to compulsorily execute the job according to the processing condition before transmitting said job to the job processing device; and wherein the input of the processing condition for the job is accepted through a setup screen which is provided by a computer program for transmitting the job to the job processing device, and the user's instruction to change the processing condition also accepted through the setup screen, as recited in claim 1.

Takayama discloses displaying proposed printer recovery methods. Referring to Fig. 17, of Takayama, the interrogation window displays a message proposing possible printer recovery methods of changing the toner for printer 104, or feeding

paper for printer 103. The interrogation window additionally provides buttons for the user to accept or deny the proposed printer recovery methods.

Applicant submits that the window as shown in Fig. 17 of Takayama is used only for displaying the alternative printer recovery methods, and for accepting the user's approval or denial of the printer recovery methods. Takayama does not disclose that the window as shown in Fig. 17 of Takayama is used for accepting an input of a processing condition for a job from a user, or for accepting changing of the processing condition. Furthermore, after the window shown in Fig. 17 of Takayama is displayed to prompt the user that the toner in printer 104 needs to be changed or that the paper in printer 103 needs to be supplied, the user can either change the toner in printer 104 or supply paper to printer 103. However, Takayama does not disclose changing printing condition. Therefore, Takayama fails to disclose that the input of the processing condition for the job is accepted through a setup screen, and that the user's instruction to change the processing condition is also accepted through the setup screen, as described in claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, claim 1 is patentable. Claims 2-7 are patentable at least because of their dependency from claim 1. Claims 8-19 are patentable at least because they include distinguishing features similar to those of claim 1.

CONCLUSION

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested and such action is earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this amendment, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of present application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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